

February 28, 2003

The Honorable Randy "Duke" Cunningham
U.S. House of Representatives
2350 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515-0550

Dear Congressman Cunningham:

I am writing to you regarding the need for federal funding for a critical transportation infrastructure project that will enhance Carmel Valley's business community and local economy.

State Route 56 (SR-56) will provide an essential link between Interstate 15 (I-15) and Interstate 5 (I-5) in Carmel Valley. However, the funding for a very important segment, the SR-56/I-5 west-to north and south-to-east connectors, remains uncertain. Until these connectors are completed, vehicles will have to exit onto local streets in Carmel Valley to navigate between SR-56 and I-5.

SANDAG's "Mobility 2030 Transportation Plan for the San Diego Region" identifies the two missing SR-56 connectors as major elements in future smart-growth planning. The completion date for the missing connectors could come as late as 2020. However, order to implement SANDAG's smart-growth plan, the connectors must be completed before 2010.

When completed, SR-56 has the potential to improve mobility for commuters and delivery vehicles between I-5 and I-15. This mobility will be severely impaired until the missing connectors are built. Your assistance in securing funding for completion of this vital transportation project will help ensure businesses can continue to run efficiently and communities to operate safely.

Best Personal Regards,

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Dear Congressman Cunningham:

One of San Diego's key transportation infrastructure projects that would greatly benefit from your support is the completion of the missing State Route 56 (SR-56)/Interstate 5 (I-5) freeway connectors in Carmel Valley. This transportation infrastructure is critical to improving traffic flow in the Carmel Valley region, and is especially important to those of us who operate businesses and live in this community.

Once completed, SR-56 will create an invaluable link between Interstates 5 and 15. However, motorists traveling west on SR-56 will be forced to use local roads in Carmel Valley to access I-5 North, and motorists exiting I-5 south will be forced to use those same local roads to access SR-56 East. This will result in congestive surface traffic, potential increases in traffic delays due to accidents, and additional wear-and-tear to local roads from increased traffic volume.

Failure to secure funding and complete this project also will affect San Diego's housing shortage. There are approximately 6,500 housing units slated for construction in the communities adjacent to the SR-56, including more than 1,000 affordable homes. However, development of these homes will be delayed until the connectors are completed, dramatically at a time when the demand for new housing continues to increase at an unprecedented pace.

Securing funding for the completion of the SR-56/I-5 connectors is a top priority among local business leaders. I encourage your commitment to securing funds for the missing SR-56/I-5 connectors.

Best Personal Regards,

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